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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 AMINA ALI MOHAMED,

Case No. 2:24-cv-01799-JNW

10 v. Plaintiff,

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
[PROPOSED] ORDER

11 MARC D. DILLARD, *et al.*,

12 Defendants. Noted for Consideration:
13 December 20, 2024

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15 Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule
16 of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to
17 stay these proceedings through March 10, 2025. Plaintiff brings this litigation pursuant to the
18 Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to
19 readjudicate Plaintiff's husband's immigrant visa application. Defendants' response to the
20 Complaint is currently due on January 7, 2025. For good cause, the parties request that the Court
21 hold this case in abeyance through March 10, 2025.

22 Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
23 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
24 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
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3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
 4 intervention. Plaintiff’s husband’s visa application is currently refused under 8 U.S.C. § 1201(g)
 5 for required security screening. The consular officer determined that additional information from
 6 sources other than the applicant may help establish his eligibility for the visa. The processing
 7 remains active and ongoing. When processing is complete, the consular officer at the U.S.
 8 Embassy in Nairobi will determine the next steps required, which may include reaching out to the
 9 applicant to request additional information, or possibly re-adjudicating the visa application.

10 Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the instant action be stayed until
 11 March 10, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before March 10, 2025.

12 DATED this 23rd day of December, 2024.

13 Respectfully submitted,

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22 I certify that this memorandum contains 287
 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.
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1 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

2 The case is held in abeyance until March 10, 2025. The parties shall submit a joint status
3 report on or before March 10, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

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5 DATED this 23rd day of December, 2024.

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JAMAL N. WHITEHEAD

8 United States District Judge

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